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Still greater activity, if possible, in the preparations which are making for na tional defense, was evident at the Navy and War Departments this morning

The Government is today on a tolerable war footing. Now that the time has nearly passed in which the Army and Navy administrations can expect to bring the country into a better state of preparation, it is seen that nothing but the most energetic and incessant efforts, unparalleled for rapidity in the history of the nation, could have rendered the Gov ernment so well equipped for hostilities.

Today is expected to bring all the ships of the flying squadron into perfect trim for service. The cleansing of the bottom of the Massachuetts has been about completed, and the Texas has couled after her trin from New York, where she was prepared. The chiefs of bureaus and their assistants at the Navy Department were extraordinarily busy this morning making plans and issuing orders for fitting out the new ships and auxiliary ves sels which the Government has secure by purchase or lease.

In the busiest places in the War Department, the Ordnance and Engineer divisions, there was more doing than ever this morning. Fresh instructions have

operations are being pushed forward with

that the Army officers on special duty as instructors in schools and colleges will have returned to their regiments which instant call. Within the same short time the War Department expects to know from the governors of States how many men from the militia organizations have expressed their willingness to volunteer their services to the Federal Govern

MARGARET MATHER.

Her Body Will Be Taken to New York for Interment.

New York, April 2.- The body of Miss Margaret Mather, the actress, who died in Charleston, W. Va., on Thursday, will be brought to this city for burial. It was Miss Mather's wish that Gen

Horatio King, of Brooklyn, who had been her lawyer for many years should cordance with these wishes Gen. King was notified of her death immediately. He at once gave instructions to have the body brought on, and yesterday he arranged through ool. William E. Sine the Actors' Fund to take charge of the obsequies. Services, which the Re-Dr. Abbott has volunteered to conduct, will probably be held at Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, temorrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock. The interment will be in

at a clock. The literatem will be the Actors' Fund plot in the Evergreens.

Mics Mather's starring tours the last two sensons had not been successful financially, and she left very little besides her wardrobe.

A dispatch from Detroit, Mich., says that the actress' father, John Finlayson,

that the actress lather, John Finleyson, was almost prostrated by the news of her death. He is very old and lives in a small room in a boarding-house. His wife, the actress' mother, died three years ago. Since he heard of his daughter's death the old man has wept con-etantly, clasping a lock of jet black hair cut from the actress' head many years ago, and ever since religiously treasured

Despite some stories that have been circulated to the contrary. Miss Mather was always very kind to her parents and relatives, and did all in her power to relieve their poverty. Her father went to Detroit when she was quite young and opened a sallors boarding-house. In such rough surroundings the little girl grew up, and when she was old enough she was sent out on the street to sel

was sixteen, she attempted su cide, but was saved by a young German whom she afterward rewarded very gen-

erously.

Gen. King said last night that Miss Mather had been in had health for two years, and that her death, suddenly as it had come at last, had not been unexpected either by her or her friends.

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THE CAPITOL DESERTED

Senators and Representatives Preparing for the Strain.

RESPONSIBILITY OF AMERICA

This Government Will Be Held Accountable for the Conduct of Affairs in Cuba After the Expulsion of the Spaniards-France Says Her Interests Must Not Suffer.

The Capitol was practically deserted by statesmen today.

The pleasant weather had induced many of the senators and representatives to take short excursions into the country to fortify themselves for the heavy strain of next week, when it is expected, war will be declared.

The indications at the Capitol today guthered from the expressions of those ongressmen who were there, are that the advice of the President to first intervene and then determine the status of the insurgents will be acquiesced in. It has been made plain that under the ines of international law America will be held responsible for the conduct of affairs on the Island of Cuba after the expulsion of the Spaniard.

It is said that the government of France has made strong representations to the United States on this point. France has admonished this Government that it will be held strictly responsible for any damage inflicted upon subjects of that country after the overthrow of the Spanish power in Cuba by the interven-tion of the United States.

This makes it absolutely incumbent upon this Government to provide for the mulatenance of order in Cuba after its

corver shall take possession of the island. This can only be accomplished by the emporary exercise of power in the name of the United States.

The general calculation is that one of the first achievements of the coming war will be the driving of the Spaniards from the With a close blocked on the center. uba. With a close blockade on the ports
of the island it is said by competent and
experienced persons the Spaniards could experienced persons the Spaniards could of remain there many weeks. The food upplies, it say nothing of any other have, must all be imported. With them of off by a blockade the Spaniards would n be starved into surrender or evac-

action by agreement.

The republicans in Congress are growng very uneasy over the political situaion. The unprecedented democratic vicries in recent local elections in different We tern States have alarmed the leaders

to dominant party. constituent of Senator Mason wired him from Chicago that that city had gone democratic by 190,000 majority and added the question "If McKinley should die would Hanna still be President?" Chairman Cannon, of the House Approriation Committee, in a doleful review of a political situation last night, remarkwith a sigh;
'If this goes on the Republicans of the

House can hold their caucus, next Con grees, in the barber shop and they will only need one chair."

AMERICANS FORCED TO FLEE. Taking Refuge in the Island of St. Thomas.

St. Thomas, April 2.-So serious has the fruation become in San Juan de Porto Rico that the United States consul there, P. C. Hanna, has come to this island, to insure his safety.

been issued to have all orders for guns, particularly ed. Consul Hanna and the members of the contractors will permit.

The engineers office will be able to the engineers of the const defenses and knowing what direction the fury of the const on the const defenses. tary rule, which always prevails in Porto Rico has become most stringent since the dispatches of March M. In which it was stated that all but two of the autonomist abinet had resigned, the people have be ome more turbulent

Even with the greatest efforts the po-ice and the troops have not been able

Weylerism is blamed for the failure of omy and the troubles follow autonomy and the troubles following. The elections are known to have been falcified, the military forces taking possession of the politing booths to insure the success of their candidates. There have been riots and bloodshed in the srincipal towns-Ponce, Aquadalia, Cayey

pain, it is believed, would cause uprising against both American and British if they had not all gotten safe-ly away from the island before that

Atlanta, Ga., April 9,-Gen. Adolphus W. Greely, head of the United States Sig nal Corps, was at the headquarters of the department of the South today, in cor ditation with Gen. Graham. Work to be done by the signal corps when hostili-ties begin was thoroughly discussed and plans for this department mate. The Government's system of "fire control" for a means of communication between various batteries in an engagement wa discussed at some length. Lleut. Reber, the signal officer of the Department of the South, was called in and the three fficials went over the plans together Gen. Greely left for Washington, and Gen. Graham inspected the grounds at the old Cotton States Exposition Park to judge of their availability if Atlanta is ade a place of rendezvous. Gen. Gr. ham is of the opinion that troops will b

Chemistry to Detect Crime.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 9.-Professo Floyd Davis, a chemist, has returned from Missouri, where he had been making an examination of money found on the person of Charles Martin, accused of blowing open the safe of the Farmers' Bank in Sheridan. The investigation was to ascertain whether the money came from the safe which was blown open by nitro-glycerine. Professor Davis says the moncy bears every evidence of having come in contact with gases caused by an explosive. After the announcement of the result of the investigation Martin offered to enter a plea of guilty provided the prosecution would as ask that only the minimum penalty be im-

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UNCLE SAM THEIR LEADER.

South American Republics Follow in

Aggressive Action Toward Spain. It is learned on high diplomatic authority that the republics of South and Central America contemplate recognizing either the independence or the belligerent rights of the Cuban insurgents immediately after the United States has taken the initiative, and has served the first notice on Spain that her government will not be longer tolerated in the island.

These republics are deeply in sympathy with the Cubans, and have been a from the day the revolution was started three years ago, but they have not dar-ed recognizing belilgerent rights, be-cause of their fear of Spain.

During a former revolution one of the

During a former revolution one of the Central American governments recognized the belligerent rights of the Insurgents without waiting for more powerful countries to take the lead.

Spain promptly sent a warship, and the rebuke was so costly that not one of these republics has since entertained the idea of tendering any official sympathy to the Cubans unless the United States should first make the move.

The Spanish minister has been credited with having exercised rare diplomatic skill in preventing recognition of the insurgents on this hemisphere. It is insurgents on this hemisphere. It is well known that his efforts were highly successful for a long time, but as one of the South American ministers said a few

days ago:
"He has not charmed any of us into days ago:
"He has not charmed any of us into withholding our recognition; it is fear alone that has kept us from helping the struggling Cubans. Spain is a much larger nation than any we have in Central America. The moment one of us gave her offense by recognizing the insurgents she would send a gunboat over and collect indemnity."

THE DOLPHIN IS DELAYED. Overhauling of Her Machinery Must Be Repented.

Brooklyn, April 9.-There are a great many "Ifs" woven around the sailing of the Dolphin, with ammunition for the fleet "If the machinery is found to be in or

der we may sall tomorrow," said Captain Henry M. Lyons yesterday.

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Henry M. Lyons yesterday.
Some of Captain Lyon's subordinates,
however, assert that if the dispatch boat
gets away inside of three weeks she will
be lucky. In the meantime the ammunition which was carefully stowed on
board has ben just as carefully carried
ashore again.

The fact of the matter is that the Dolphin's propellet shaft is so badly bent
that when the engines are set going they
make a noise resembling that of a stone
crushing machine under full pressure.

Five months ago the Dolphin was taken
to the Brooklyn navy yard for a general
overhauling. Among other repairs the
three cylinders were taken out and relined, new boilers were fitted in place of
the old ones, and—most important of allthe propeller shaft was taken out to be
'trued up.'

It was not until after all these parts
had been reassembled, and the boat
should have been ready for sen, that the
new trouble was discovered. That was
ten days ago. The engineer got up
steam and opened the throttle. The resuit was a racket that could be heard
blocks away, and a bumping and a
thumping which caused the teeth of the
crew to rattle. frew to rattle.

It was found necessary to take out the

It was found necessary to take out the low pressure cylinder again and try to strengthen the crank which was found to be bent. As to the warped shaft, that is a defect not easy to remedy. It is made in sections, boited together, like the shafts of all steamers of any dimensions, and the cause of the difficulty is that one of these sections is out of line with the one adjoining it. Hence, Instead of revolving true, it thrashes about in an eccentric and wholly dangerous fashion.

MOTHERS CRY FOR VENGEANCE. Heart-Broken Parents of

New York, April 9.-The Evening Jour tal prints today a number of comm cations from parents and other relatives of dead Maine sailors calling for vengeance for the murder of their sons and brothers in Havana harbor.

Mrs. Katrine Decking, of Brooklyn, writes that "Many bitter tears have I shed for my first-born, and the thought that his death may go unpunished nearly drives me mad."

Mrs. John Hamburger, of Brooklyn, says: "In the name of humanity, urge the President to remember that we moth-ers feel more for our boys" loss than for Wall street.

W. A. Greer, who lost a son, calls for immediate action. "We would get ac-tion," he writes, "if the President could understand how a father feels when boy is struck down by the assassin's

dying in Havana hospital, told Captain Sigsbee he was sorry he had lost his ship. without striking a return blow, protests against the long delay and says: "I love my country, heaven knows, but I almost wish I belonged to some other natio when I see such disgraceful things as

Naval Reserves.

Yonkers, N. Y., April 9.-Yonkers rachtsmen intend to form another naval eserve battallon. The Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Club, composed of business nen and wealthy citizens, adopted this resolution Wednesday night:

"Resolved, That in view of the im-pending crisis between the United States and Spain and the urgent need of men to man the many vessels recently purchased by the Government. by the Government, the by the Government, the commodore be directed to call a meeting of the members of the club on Saturday evening, April to take the necessary steps to form a naval reserve battallon in the city of Youkers, and that members having friends who would care to join such an organization be requested to invite such friends to attend the meeting, and that the members of the Palisade Boat Club, Yonkers Yacht Club and the Yonkers Canoe Club be also invited to attend such

Notices have already been issu it is expected there will be a large at-tendance at the meeting. Commodore Prime has arranged for the presence of an officer of the New York Naval Re serve, who will explain the details

New York Going to Hampton Roads Key West, Fla., April 9.-It is stated here today on good authority that the armored cruiser New York is to be sen to Hampton Roads to join the flying squadron. Captain Sampson's flag will squadron. Captain Sampson's hag will be transferred to the lowa, the same au-

Philadelphia, April 9.-Warren F. Garris, aged nineteen, while repairing the roof of Gerkler Brothers' wholesale meathouse, on North Second Street, came in contact with a live wire this morning and was almost instantly killed.

Neckwear for Easter, 50c Ascots-new designs, 623 Pa. ave. No. 1 white pine shingles \$2.50 per Good, sound N. C. flooring, all one 1,000; these sell everywhere for \$5 1,000. width, \$1.50 per 100; kiln dried and bright.

ARRANGED BY McKINLEY.

Visit of the Ambassadors Made the President's Request.

London, April 9.-It is stated in diplomatic circles in Paris, according to a dispatch received here today, that the visit of the ambassadors at Washington to President McKinley on Thursday was arranged at the request of President Mc-Kinley, in order to give the President opportunity of notifying them of the necessity of the intervention of the United States in Cuba.

VISITORS IN TOWN.

They Flock to the White House and Are Disappointed.

At no time for the past three months has there been so great a number of tourists in the city, and they invariably go first to the White House, with the hope to catch a glimpse of the Executive This hegira from all over the country to the Capital City may be attributed to the war excitement, of which the enterprising railroad general passenger agents have taken advantage. Long before the doors of the Executive

Mansion were open this forenoon, they were besieged by hundreds of visitors, eager to gain admittance. The grounds and promenades adjacent to the building presented a lively scene. There was a perfect symphony of color. The police and detective forces attach-

ed to the building and grounds were kept constantly on the move. The water has been let into the fountain at the foot of the steps at the east end of the grounds; but, strange to relate, the meek-eyed man who remarked that "McKinley was probably all right now that his brain was relieved of its wonted load," was not referred to as a fit subject for lese majeste proceedings.

On Monday the twenty-acre plot of ground surrounding the Executive Mansion will be thrown open to young America, who will revel in the Marine Band and Easter eggs.

Dr. Mary Walker, de not make her cus tomary appearance this forenoon at the White House. She attempted to gain an entrance to the President's private office admittance she made a scene, declaring that she would come again. She was expected today. Dr. Mary says that Mc-Kinley would have made the best President the country ever had if he had not been confronted with the present crisis. Her absence, however, was atoned for by the presence of the usual quota of men for an amicable settlement of the trouble, They were sent away on various pre-

NO PROSPECT OF PEACE.

spanish Government Compelled to Accept the Issue of War Rome, April 9.-Dispatches received at the Vatican from Madrid, represent

the situation as hopeless. The government, the dispatches say, has been obliged to abandon the idea of decreeing an armistice is Cuba on account of the opposing sentiment in the army which would resent such action.

Up to this morning there was just one ray of peace breaking through the war cloud.

It was given out semi-officially that

FORAKER FEARS DELAY.

Ohio Senator Thinks It Possible M. Kinley Mny Ask More Time. Senator Foraker is afraid the mess: will be postponed again on Monday. He called upon the Secretary of War this norning, and while awalting a few mir utes in the ante-room, said:

"There has been so many postpone ments that it is extremely doubtful to predict that the crists will be reached on londay. I am not prepared to say, either, what Congress would do if the President hould put it off again. Maybe the relations between the executive and legis-lative branches would be strained to the breaking point; maybe not."

FEW CALLERS ON M'KINLEY. Easter Sightseers Plentiful, But Of-

ficial Visitors Scarce. This being the Easter season, there wer hundreds of people at the White House today, but very few official callers. The daily conference between the Presiden; and Judge Day was held while the visitors were strolling through the spaciou tors were strolling through the spacious grounds. The other callers on the Presi-dent were Senators Pritchard and Bur-rows and Representatives Cannon, Pearce and Dolliver. Among the visitors at the White House and officials generally there s a settled conviction that there war, and the opinion is general that it will begin next week.

GEN. LEE'S DEPARTURE.

To Leave Havana at Five o'Clock This Afternoon.

Havana, April 9.-General Lee and other members of the American consulate will leave Havana on the naval tender Fern at 5 o'clock this afterno

Soldiers From Canarsie. New York, April 9 .- Two full companie

partment this morning. He will go be-fore the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations to testify regarding the Maine of infantry have been recruited in Canarsie, L. I., this week in anticipation of disaster. a declaration of war. Three more companies will be recruited in case war is declared, and a full battalion formed Police Captain George Bucholz and Justice William Warts as the leading spirits in the movement.

its in the movement.

Several meetings have been held in Kaiser's Hotel, corner of Ninety-fifth Street and Avenue G. Patriotic speeches have been made by the dozen, and have aroused the whole community. A great majority or the able-bodied men in the town have signified their intention of joining the battalion, but only the most fit have been inken so far.

Cant. Bucholz will lead one company. Capt. Bucholz will lend one company John Reed, chief of the Flatlands fir department, another, and Justice William Warts has been chosen for major.

Chance to See the Fish. New York, April 2.-Superintenden Jones, of the Aquanum at the Battery, announces that that public institution will hereafter be open for visitors every

Auerbach's Hats for Easter. Finest of \$3 hats. 622 Pa. ave. The Wenther-Libbey & Co. say: Threatening; showers tonight.

Senators Talk of Nothing But the Cuban Question.

AMERICAN GUNS WILL BOOM

The Committee on Foreign Relations Does Not Meet, But Several of the Members Get Together Informally and Converse About the Forthcoming Message of the President.

Outwardly the Senate end of the Capi tol today was calm and unruffled, but in ommittee rooms the situation was disussed with much energy and earnestness During the session of the Committee or Appropriations there was a constant di version from the measure under consid eration to the Cuban question and the opinion was expressed that by this time next week the guns of our warship would be booming in the vicinity of Havana.

was not in session, but several members gathered usere informally, as they have every day recently, and talked over the forthcoming message and their report.

The "peace" steering committee, con sisting of Mesers. Aldrich, Spooner, Platt and Hanna, held its customary meeting in the room of the Committee of

This committee is moving heaven and earth to change the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate so as to secur an agreement to the President's idea of intervening without first recognizing the independence of the existing government. The committee is making some headway, and it would not be surprising if a com promise were agreed upon based upon the on Thursday, and when she was refused the effect that the "people of C ba are and, of right, ought to be, free and independent," but omitting the next para graph which recognizes the existing Republic as the lawful government of the island. The Administration is pledged to the scheme of recognition as soon as or der is restored in the ilsand and this fact is winning over many men in both who wanted to explain plans they had houses who have heretofore stood out for a recognition of the present republic and

the government set up by the There are many others in the Senatwho refuse to concede or enter into any sort of a compromise. They insist that they will debate the resolution. This expressed intention of precipitating debate has caused a revival of the prop cret, in order to present the public spectacle of an unseemly wrangle over so spectacle of an unneerily wrangle over so grave and serious a question. There is for the belief that the debate, if there much more reason today than heretofore be any, will - conducted behind closed doors, and that as soon as all differences have been adjusted the resolution will be adopted in open session without a word of debate.

Senators about the Capitol were thrown cloud.

It was given out semi-officially that Spain had indicated her desire not to engage in war with America by agreeing to the armistice suggested by the Pope and advocated by France, Italy and Austria. It was the expectation that the Queen Regent would issue a decree formally proclaiming that an armistice had been granted.

Semators about the Capitol were thrown into a state of excitement during the morning by the unfounded report that the Fern had been blown up. The report was hardly credited, but there was much anxiety and alarm until it had been denied at the Navy Department.

It was also stated at the Capitol that the President, as the result of action taken by the Cabinet yesterday, had decided to recall Gen. Woodford at Madrid as soon as he sent his message to Congress.

on as he sent his message to Congress in Monday.

JOINED SCHLEY'S SQUADRON.

lattleship Massachusetts Responds

to Hurry Orders. Newport News, Va., April 2.-The battlehip Massachusetts left here this morning. after hurried orders, for Old Point, to join Commodore Schley's flying squadron When the whistle sounded two of the vessel's steam launches were at the pier. They left immediately, and instead of being taken up on the daylts were taken in tow. Several of the wives of officers were at the Hotel Warwick and made frantic efforts to get on the battleship but their signals were answered by the dinning of flags. lipping of flags.
It is reported that a Spanish warship entered the capes early this morning, but the report cannot be confirmed and is

A REFUGE FOR CHRISTINA. Will Flee to Austria Should She Be

Driven From Spain. Vienna, April 9.-The Archduke Lugen is preparing to receive his sister, the Queen Regent of Spain, should she be obliged to leave her country.

A MASS MEETING.

Law Students Will Take Action o the Cuban Question.

The students of the law department of Seorgetown University, will tonight hold mass meeting to take action regarding

Lieutenant Commander Wainwright who was in charge of the wreck of the Maine and who was the last of the offi-cers of the Maine to leave Havana, ar-

rived here and reported at the Navy De

Students. New York, April 9.-Dr. John C. Mac-Evitt, surgeon, and John M. Belcher, assistant surgeon, of the Second New York Naval Battallon, were at the Arena, in Thirty-first street, yesterday af-ternoon to examine Columbia Univer-sity students who wish to enlist in the battalion. The movement will result in the formation of a Columbia University naval division. Many of the boys went to be examined, while several took occa-sion to sign final papers.

Naval Officers Assigned to Duty. Commander N. Rush has been ordered to command the lighthouse tender Armeria, and Commander C. S. Berry has been detached from the navy yard at Bos-ton to command the collier Saturn.

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FIXES RESPONSIBILITY.

Consul General Lee Brings Pro-That Spain Wrecked the Maine.

From the highest authority, directly onnected with the Navy Department, omes the information today that Consu General Lee will bring with him to Wash ington positive and convincing evidence that the Maine was blown up by Spanish authority.

Capt. Sigsbee is in possession of the evifence obtained by Lee, but it will not be officially delivered until Gen. Lee ar-

Since the adjournment of the Board of Inquiry Consul General Lee has exerted almost superhuman dilligence in search ing out the authority of the Maine outrage, and has possessed himself of documentary evidence that fixes the responsibility for the dastardly act upon the Spanish government. He at once communicated with the authorities here, and they are informed of the purport of the evidence, but it was decided to allow Gen. Lee the honor of presenting in per on the results of his labors.

Gen. Lee is expected to arrive in Wash ington not later than Tuesday morning. He will at once go before the Foreign Relations Committee of Congress and submit his documentary evidence fixing beyand question responsibility for the murder of 266 American seamen and the destruction of the Maine.

DISTURBANCES IN MADRID. Local Troubles Add to the Trials of the Dying Dynasty.

Madrid, April 9.-Street disturb tinue throughout the city. faith is placed by either the prethe public in the note nileged to have been addressed to the government by the powers, diplomatically informing Spain that war can only be averted by the Spanish government yielding.

El Liberal notes the fact that the reign representatives were asking Senor Gullon, minister of foreign affairs, for information in regard to the note The state of uncertainty in Madrid throughout yesterday was very

had been sent to the Pope saying that an

armistice in Cuba was impossible unless

should be asked for by the insurgents. but at a meeting of the cabinet held late last evening it was agreed to postpone ending an answer. The Imparcial says: "So dense are the louds enveloping the truth, and so great are the uncertainties and the shuffling of opes and fears that many, so far from regarding the intervention of the power with joy, speak thereof as meaning noth

destined to result in ridicule." GEN. SCHOFIELD. He Will Probably Act in an Advis

ory Capacity.

Lieut, John M. Schofield, retired, is be ing talked about in the War Department, unofficially, for some special advisory service when the Spanish was His brilliant strategic ability and long active experience, will undoubtedly be utilized, it is said, though it is doubtful if there will be any formal ap-

pointment to special service. One rumor is connecting his such an appointment, "special advisor to the Secretary of War," in the direction of the armies. His friends it is 2,600 tons, and her indicated horse power and would be grad to see him receive is 3,400 tons. Her coal capacity is 500

sult to the head of the Army. Gen. Miles, they say, is fully capable of di-

recting the American armies. "All the retired officers will practically e advisors extraordinary to the Secre tary of War," said an Army officer but it is not at all likely that any on f them, Gen. Schoffeld not excepted.

will be given any appointment.

Pagal Nuncio to Spain Shows His Ignorance of American Institutions. Madrid, April 3.-Monsigner Francisca Nava, the papal nuncto to the co Spain, published yesterday the following

announcement: "There are greater hopes today than ever for the success of the intervention of His Holiness. It is not true, as stated, that President McKinley rejected the in tervention of the Pope. Such an act of discourtesy would be all the more impoil tic, not only because it would show bur barous intolerance, but because, however inimical to the Pope the people may be they cannot misinterpret the voice of the venerable old man who has urged the maintenance of peace. On the other hand, the Roman Catholics of North America would never pardon such disre spect to the head of their church."

Avenge the Maine.

New York, April 9.-Word was received by the National Volunteer Reserves that E. Parmly Brown, of this city, is organizing a brigade of sharpshooters to be known as the Maine Avengers. They will wear mosquito proof body tents, that will fold up when in action and can be carried across the chest. When folded the cloth, which is manufactured by spe cial process, is alleged to act as a bulle deflector. They will be accompanied by a corpe of physicians who are experts it treating yellow fever and malaria. Clarence Coley, of Hoboken, N. J., is given as the organizer of a proposed corps of 100 engineers to form part of the brigade. David W. McComb, of this city, has of services free as a clerk in

British Steamship Purchased

London, April 9 .- A dispatch from Hong Kong reports the purchase of the British steamship Zefiro by the United States, She will be used as a supply ship by the American squadron in Asiatic waters in their expected operations against the Philippines. A dispatch from Manila as-serts that the insurgents are active in the Philippines and are in complete control of the island of Cebu.

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SPAIN PREPARING TO RUN

Belief That Her Resistance Will Be Short and Feeble.

MAY STRIKE ONE SHARP BLOW

No Hope for Success in a Prolonged War With the United States-To Give Up Cuha, Make a Dash ou Some American Seaport and Then Surrender With Honor Satisfied.

The Naval Strategy Board is confident Spain would not, at this critical stage attempt the material re-enforcement of her naval force in Atlantic waters. but on the contrary will, in the next few days, withdraw the Vizcaya and Oquendo from Porto Rico and hurry them tome. Under these circumstances the chances for any foreible resistance to the American naval forces is reduced to a minimum and the impression grows that the end of Spanish sovereignty on this ontinent will be accomplished promptly upon the tremendous demonstration before Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philipsines which the United States has determined to make.

Whether the surrender will come, as the ofuntary act of Queen Christina, upon the advice of European powers, or General Blanco will be ordered to make a formal show of repelling the contemplated invasion, is not yet sufficiently foreseen, but o doubt is now expressed that the Spanish military authorities have become con-vinced of the futility of acting 250 miles from a base of supplies against a superfor force only a few miles from its coaling stations and extemporized resources. The als in such a game of war, as every theins knows, are absolutely prohibitory, and could lead to but one inevitable and quick result. On the other hand, it is not contemplated to send any American force to the other side of the Atlantic until Cuba. Porto Rice and the Philippines are swept of Spanish influence and sup-

port.

The only contingency beyond this program is one which may hardly be conscired—the desilerant raid of a flying Spanish force against one of the coast cities, with the hope of inflicting some material punishment. To meet such a move the Army is declared to be fully prepared, and positive that the attempt will be rendered abortive.

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The assurance today among mittary men is that Spoin is preparing to re-linquish her hold on the Antiles without a blow, and that it any event, with her present distribution of force any resistance she may offer will be of the most perfunctory or fuffic character.

THE AMERIGO VESPUCCI.

ing, but merely a platonic act which is She is a Cader Ship and Is Anchored of Alexandria. The Italian cudet ship Amerigo Ves-cuci was sighted at Indian Head as see o'clock this forenoon by the lookout staed there. She was beading up the

river at a low rate of speed, not exceld-The Vespuent had been at anchor for

Venice in ISS. She is a second-class crosser and is used as a cadet ship to the Vittorio Eminuelo. The Vespect is built of seek has one screw, one funnel and is barque-rigged. Her length is 25 feet 10

such a recognition, and believe that it would be an excellent move. They cite several precedents in American history for such a position.

Gen. Miles' friends, on the contrary, are opposed to the plan, asserting that such an appointment would be a grievous in-

THE SPANISH FLESTS No Official Information as to Their

Nelther the State Department nor the lavy Department has received information that the Spanish first has salled, or is about to sail, from Cadiz for the Ca-It is also stated at both departments

that no information has been received of in explosion in Havana harbor. The Fern and other American saips are safe, as far as officials here know.

SUPPLIES FOR SOLDIERS. Specifications Are Examined by the

Specifications for supplies of food for be use of the Regular Army in the event this foremoon in the office of the quarter and there was unusual activity in all the other bureaus of the department. Adjutant General Corbin's office was be-sleged by persons desirous to see him upon official business, and he was much In see all of them.

The Blue and terny.

Chicago, April 3.-Side by side former veners of the blue and gray will leave Chicago to fight a foreign foe. The union will be exemplified at a mass meeting next Sunday, when Union and Confeder ate officers will form a "blue and gray" orts to recruit a regiment. Major Cooper fought on the side of the Confederacy He has now been joined by farmer Union officers. The Second and Third battid-ions of the First Illinois Volunteers hav

Maine Survivor Ordered to Duty. Kansas City, Mo., April 2 - John R. Mc. is, assistant engineer of the buttleship Maine, one of the survivors of the disaster in Havana harbor, has received a dispatch from the Navy Department com manding him to report for daily at Hamp-ton Roads Sunday night.

Mr. Morris was in a hospital at Key West after the explosion, until two weeks ago, when he came to Kansas City, Kan-

sas, to visit relatives. He is now fully re-

covered from his injuries. He will join the Columbia, of the flying squadros. Prague, April 3. Several severe shocks of earthquake were felt at Libochowitz, Bohemin, today. Many houses were over-thrown. No details as to loss of life have

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